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SUBJ: 7TH SPECIAL SESSION: JAPANESE REP TELLS PRESS HE "ASHAMED OF
HIS VAGUE SPEECH"

1. SEPTEMBER 6 MAINICHI CARRIES INTERVIEW BY UN CORRESPONDENT WITH AMBASSADOR TOSHIO KIMURA, IN WHICH KIMURA SAYS SPEECH HE GAVE TO 7TH SPECIAL SESSION SEPTEMBER 4 WAS GUTTED BY FINANCE MINISTRY IN INTRA-GOJ CLEARANCE PROCESS (SPEECH WAS A BLAND ITERATION OF JAPANESE READINESS TO STUDY MATTERS AT ISSUE IN NORTH-SOUTH FORA). MAINICHI QUOTES KIMURA TO EFFECT THAT SPEECH WAS "REALLY DISGRACEFUL," JEOPARDIZING BY ITS VAGUENESS TRUST OF 3RD WORLD AND INVITING IMPRESSION THAT JAPAN ONE OF MOST CONSERVATIVE AMONG DEVELOPED NATIONS. UPON RETURN TO JAPAN, KIMURA TOLD MAINICHI, HE WILL URGE PRIMIN MIKI TO INSURE THAT JAPAN TAKES MORE POSITIVE STAND AT UNCTAD CONFERENCE IN MAY.

2. KIMURA, A FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AND RANKING DIET EXPERT ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IS REASONABLY FREE TO SPEAK OUT ON POLICY QUESTIONS. NEVERTHELESS, HIS OUTBURST SURPRISED EMBASSY'S FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACTS. TO WHAT EXTENT KIMURA'S RESENTMENT OF CONSERVATIVE HEAVY HAND OF FINANCE MINISTRY IS SHARED IN OTHER GOJ QUARTERS YET UNCLEAR, BUT WE SUSPECT HE MAY FEEL HE IS IN VANGUARD OF DEVELOPING JJAPANESE OPINION AND THAT TAKING
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CONTROVERSY INTO OPEN WILL SOFTEN FINANCE MINISTRY RESISTANCE

TO A HIGHER, MORE ACCOMMODATING JAPANESE PROFILE TOWARD
TH 3RD WORLD. AS ONE EXAMPLE OF POINTS AT ISSUE, ECONOMIC
DIVDIR OTA OF UN BUREAU TOLD EMBOFF THAT KIMURA HAD URGED
GOJ ENDORSEMENT OF AN EXPORT EARNINGS STABILIZATION FUND
SIMILAR TO THAT PROPOSED BY SECSTATE AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.
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